

For this reason, I will continue to urge colleagues to take up and adopt the Service Members Access to Justice Act and the FORCE Act which will make National Guard assistance programs more effective and responsive and ensure that National Guard troops keep their jobs and employment benefits as required under law.

Again, I express my appreciation to the 56th Stryker Brigade and all of the men and women in service.

SATURN'S DEMISE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD remarks I made this weekend on the Saturn car company, which has lived and apparently passed away in the State of Tennessee but has contributed a lot to our State over the last 20 years.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

I spent almost all the state's \$450,000 advertising budget to buy a full page ad in the Wall Street Journal saying, "Well, Saturn finally found its home . . . in Spring Hill, Tennessee."

The ad answered a question that was on the mind of millions of Americans for a few days in August, 1985: "Why Spring Hill, Tennessee?"

General Motors had looked everywhere for the best place to put its \$5 billion Saturn plant. The biggest corporation in the world was making the largest one-time investment in U.S. history.

Three banks of GM computers analyzed 1000 sites in 38 States. Then (so the ad went) the top brass answered the question: "Where is the best place in America to build the highest quality car at the lowest cost, a small car that will compete with the Japanese imports?"

General Motors hadn't spent a penny yet advertising Saturn, but the intense competitions for the Saturn plant made the front pages for months during 1985. As a result, twice as many Americans were able to identify a Saturn as could identify a Pontiac even though Pontiac had been building cars since 1926 and Saturns wouldn't be produced until 1990.

Governors had made fools of themselves making pilgrimages to Detroit and sitting on stools on Phil Donahue's television show arguing the merits of their States. I hadn't done that but had met GM President Roger Smith in a hotel room in Memphis after he made a United Way Speech. I knew that the big Nissan plant, which had just located in Smyrna, would be either the hook or the kiss of death. So I said to Mr. Smith, "Why don't you put your plant right next to your competitor's plant, and tell your union and tell your management, if the Japanese can do it, you can do it, too."

That's is exactly what GM decided to do. The Nissan and Saturn decisions put Tennessee on the map for companies looking for plant sites. (Nissan was the largest Japanese investment ever in the U.S.) Then, Tennesseans had almost no auto jobs and one of the country's lowest average family incomes. Today, thanks to the good work of Governors McWhorter, Sundquist and Bredeisen and Tennesseans' work ethic one-third of our jobs are auto jobs and our family incomes are a good deal higher.

The Nissan plant became the most efficient auto plant in North America and will begin

making electric cars next year. Its future seems secure—and so does that of hundreds of suppliers—who have migrated to Tennessee because it is now central to the American auto industry's most efficient assembly plants as well as its market and because it is a right-to-work State with one of the "best 4" lane highway systems.

Saturn started off with a bang, created almost a cult following of owners but never made a profit. Its apparent death this week when Roger Penske couldn't find anyone to make Saturns so he could sell them is like any death, sad but full of memories.

Most of the memories are good. Saturn's life was a good life, for Tennesseans. It helped put us on the map, job wise. It helped raise our incomes. There is still that \$5 billion plant there, with another billion or so spent to improve it, waiting for GM or someone else to start making cars again. We Tennesseans will miss Saturn but are grateful for its short but good life that truly made our lives better.

TRIBUTE TO MARLA AND TOM LETIZIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Marla and Tom Letizia on their being named "Menschen" of the Year by Congregation Ner Tamid. The award is intended to reflect the ultimate values of their congregation, which is to give selflessly of oneself to benefit the community. Marla and Tom have helped make Las Vegas and Nevada a better place with their business and community involvement.

Mr. Letizia started out as an account executive for many Las Vegas television stations including KLAS TV-8. He founded Letizia Ad Team in 1974. The firm specializes in television, radio, newspaper, direct mail, internet and outdoor advertising. Mr. and Mrs. Letizia owned radio and television outlets in Reno, Las Vegas, Laughlin and Tonopah NV. They cofounded Tonopah's first radio station, KPAH-FM, which was sold in 1992, and the first radio station dual signal property in Laughlin/Las Vegas, KROL-AM, which was later sold in 1993. The Letizias were part owners of the first independent television station in Reno, KAME-TV, which later became a FOX affiliate before being sold in 1994.

In 2001, Mrs. Letizia founded Big Traffic Mobile Billboards Worldwide, which implements trucks that provide four-sided advertising space and environmentally friendly WOBI® walking billboards. She has over 35 years of marketing and journalism experience, beginning her career with KLAS-TV 8 as an assistant production manager and organizer and was subsequently promoted to director of the live television news broadcasts at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. She gained distinction as the first female director in the history of Las Vegas, as well as the first female hired in production in Las Vegas, running the audio department during production and during live news broadcasts.

The Letizias help their community by acting as founding members of the Board of Trustees for the Meadows School. They are also on the advisory

board of the Make-A-Wish foundation of southern Nevada. Marla and Tom also compassionately care about our planet Earth. One of their innovations was a green friendly walking billboard.

With their innovative business approach and compassionate approach to their fellow Nevadans, Marla and Tom represent this country at its best. They have achieved great things and I know their future, both as a family and a business remains, as bright as the neon lights from the Las Vegas Strip. I congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Letizia on their tremendous accomplishment.

BUDGET SCOREKEEPING REPORT

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise to submit to the Senate the third budget scorekeeping report for the 2010 budget resolution. The report, which covers fiscal year 2009, was prepared by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 308(b) and in aid of Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended. This is the final report for 2009.

The report shows the effects of congressional action through September 30, 2009, and includes the effects of legislation since I filed my last report on August 4, 2009. The new legislation is Public Law 111-68, an act making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of S. Con. Res. 13, the 2010 budget resolution.

The estimates show that for fiscal year 2009 current level spending was \$3 billion above the level provided for in the budget resolution for budget authority and \$7.8 billion above it for outlays while current level revenues match the budget resolution level.

I ask unanimous consent that the letter and accompanying tables from CBO be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

Washington, DC, October 8, 2009.

Hon. KENT CONRAD,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The enclosed report shows the effects of Congressional action on the fiscal year 2009 budget and is current through September 30, 2009. This report is submitted under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, as approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to section 403 of S. Con. Res. 13, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. As a result, the enclosed current level report excludes these amounts (see footnote 2 of Table 2 of the report).

Since my last letter dated August 4, 2009, the Congress has cleared and the President has signed an act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (Public Law 111-68). This act affects budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2009.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. SUNSHINE,
For Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director.

TABLE 1—SENATE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

[In billions of dollars]

	Budget Resolution ¹	Current Level ²	Current Level Over/Under (–) Resolution
ON-BUDGET			
Budget Authority	3,668.6	3,671.6	3.0
Outlays	3,357.2	3,365.0	7.8
Revenues	1,532.6	1,532.6	0.0
OFF-BUDGET			
Social Security Outlays ³	513.0	513.0	0.0
Social Security Revenues	653.1	653.1	0.0

¹ S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, includes \$7.2 billion in budget authority and \$1.8 billion in outlays as a disaster allowance to recognize the potential cost of disasters; those funds will never be allocated to a committee. At the direction of the Senate Committee on the Budget, the budget resolution totals have been revised to exclude those amounts for purposes of enforcing current level.

² Current level is the estimated effect on revenues and spending of all legislation, excluding amounts designated as emergency requirements (see footnote 2 of table 2), that the Congress has enacted or sent to the President for his approval. In addition, full-year funding estimates under current law are included for entitlement and mandatory programs requiring annual appropriations, even if the appropriations have not been made.

³ Excludes administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration, which are off-budget, but are appropriated annually.
SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office.

TABLE 2—SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget Authority	Outlays	Revenues
Previously Enacted ¹			
Revenues	n.a.	n.a.	1,532,571
Permanents and other spending legislation	2,186,897	2,119,086	n.a.
Appropriation legislation	2,031,683	1,851,797	n.a.
Offsetting receipts	–640,548	–640,548	n.a.
Total, Previously enacted	3,578,032	3,330,335	1,532,571
Enacted this session:			
Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–22) ²	106	3,896	0
An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products...and for other purposes (P.L. 111–31)	11	2	8
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111–32) ²	89,682	26,992	0
An act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (P.L. 111–39)	–187	–202	0
An act to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds...and for other purposes (P.L. 111–45)	0	5	0
An act to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (P.L. 111–46) ³	–40	–40	0
An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (P.L. 111–68) ⁴	4,000	4,000	0
Total, enacted this session	93,572	34,653	8
Total Current Level ^{2,3,4,5}	3,671,604	3,364,988	1,532,579
Total Budget Resolution ⁶	3,675,736	3,358,952	1,532,579
Adjustment to budget resolution for disaster allowance ⁷	–7,150	–1,788	0
Adjusted Budget Resolution	3,668,586	3,357,164	1,532,579
Current Level Over Budget Resolution	3,018	7,824	0
Current Level Under Budget Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	0
SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office. Note: n.a. = not applicable; P.L. = Public Law.			
¹ Includes the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–3), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (P.L. 111–5), and the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111–8), which were enacted by the Congress during this session, before the adoption of S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Although the ARRA was designated as an emergency requirement, it is now included as part of the current level amounts.			
² Pursuant to section 403 of S. Con. Res. 13, provisions designated as emergency requirements (and rescissions of provisions previously designated as emergency requirements) are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. The amounts so designated for fiscal year 2009, which are not included in the current level totals, are as follows:			
Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–22)	–630	–630	0
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111–32)	16,169	3,530	0
Total, amounts designated as emergency	15,539	2,900	0
³ Section 1 of P.L. 111–46 appropriated \$7 billion to the Highway Trust Fund. The enactment of this legislation followed an announcement by the Secretary of Transportation on June 24, 2009, of an interim policy to slow down payments to states from the Highway Trust Fund. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that P.L. 111–46 will reverse this policy and restore payments to states at levels already assumed in current level. Thus, enactment of section 1 results in no change to current level totals. Other provisions of the act will reduce budget authority and outlays by \$40 million in 2009.			
⁴ Section 164 of Division B of P.L. 111–68 reduces the required transfer from the Postal Service Fund to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund for fiscal year 2009 by \$4 billion. The transfer does not affect unified budget totals; however, since the Postal Service Fund is off-budget, and current level does not include off-budget amounts, only the on-budget piece of the transfer (an increase in spending of \$4 billion) is shown in current level totals.			
⁵ For purposes of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act in the Senate, the budget resolution does not include budget authority, outlays, or revenues for off-budget amounts. As a result, current level excludes these items.			
⁶ Periodically, the Senate Committee on the Budget revises the totals in S. Con. Res. 13, pursuant to various provisions of the resolution:			
Original Budget Resolution Totals	3,675,927	3,356,270	1,532,571
Revisions:			
For the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (section 401(c)(4))	–1,530	2,240	0
For an act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products...and for other purposes (sections 311(a) and 307)	11	2	8
For further revisions to the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (section 401(c)(4))	1,515	642	0
For an act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (section 303)	–187	–202	0
Revised Budget Resolution Totals	3,675,736	3,358,952	1,532,579

⁷ S. Con. Res. 13 includes \$7,150 million in budget authority and \$1,788 million in outlays as a disaster allowance to recognize the potential cost of disasters; those funds will never be allocated to a committee. At the direction of the Senate Committee on the Budget, the budget resolution totals have been revised to exclude those amounts for purposes of enforcing current level.

VOTE EXPLANATIONS

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am necessarily absent for the vote today on the McCain amendment, Senate Amendment No. 2626 to the fiscal year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill (H.R. 2847). If I were able to attend today's session, I would have opposed the McCain amendment.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the vote on the fiscal year 2010 Agriculture appropriations conference

report and the Ensign motion to recommit the Senate fiscal year 2010 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill, H.R. 2847. If I were able to attend today's session, I would have supported the fiscal year 2010 Agriculture conference report and opposed the Ensign motion to recommit H.R. 2847.

REMEMBERING SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, in this chamber we have witnessed incredibly moving eulogies and remembrances of our departed colleague Senator Edward Kennedy. Obituaries in national and international newspapers convey the historic milestones of his life that none could forget, as well as more personal stories of the man that fewer knew.